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FILE 'CAPLUS, BIOSIS, PASCAL, BIOTECHNO, SCISEARCH, MEDLINE' ENTERED AT  
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L2           621 S L1 (P) (INULIN OR LEVAN OR FRUC?-OLIGOSACCHARID OR  
FRUC?-POLY  
L3           21 S L2 AND LACTOBACILLUS  
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L4 ANSWER 1 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:696558 CAPLUS  
TITLE: Novel fructosyltransferases and their use in  
recombinant probiotic **lactobacilli**  
INVENTOR(S): Van Hijum, Sacha Adrianus Fokke Taco; Van  
Geel-Schutten, Gerritdina Hendrika; Dijkhuizen,  
Lubbert; Rahaoui, Hakim  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Neth.  
SOURCE: U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 38 pp., Cont.-in-part of U. S.  
Ser. No. 604,958.  
CODEN: USXXCO  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
LANGUAGE: English  
FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 2  
PATENT INFORMATION:

PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
US 2002127681	A1	20020912	US 2001-995587	20011129
PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.:			EP 2000-201872	A 20000525
			US 2000-604958	A2 20000628

AB The present invention describes two novel proteins having **fructosyltransferase** activity. Both enzymes are derived from **lactobacilli**, which are food-grade micro-organisms with the Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) status. One of these proteins produces an **inulin** and fructo-oligosaccharides, while the other produces a **levan** and fructo-oligosaccharides. According to the invention **lactobacilli** capable of producing an **inulin** and/or a **levan** and/or fructo-oligosaccharides using one or both of the **fructosyltransferases** can be used as a probiotic or a symbiotic.

L4 ANSWER 2 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 1  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:684000 CAPLUS  
TITLE: Characterization of a novel  
**fructosyltransferase** from  
**Lactobacillus reuteri** that synthesizes  
high-molecular-weight **inulin** and  
**inulin** oligosaccharides  
AUTHOR(S): van Hijum, S. A. F. T.; van Geel-Schutten, G. H.;  
Rahaoui, H.; van der Maarel, M. J. E. C.; Dijkhuizen,  
L.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Centre for Carbohydrate Bioengineering, TNO-RUG,  
University of Groningen, Haren, 9750 AA, Neth.  
SOURCE: Applied and Environmental Microbiology (2002), 68(9),  
4390-4398  
CODEN: AEMIDF; ISSN: 0099-2240  
PUBLISHER: American Society for Microbiology  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB **Fructosyltransferase** (FTF) enzymes produce fructose polymers (fructans) from sucrose. Here, we report the isolation and characterization of an FTF-encoding gene from **Lactobacillus reuteri** strain 121. A C-terminally truncated version of the *ftf* gene was successfully expressed in *Escherichia coli*. When incubated with sucrose, the purified recombinant FTF enzyme produced large amts. of

fructo-oligosaccharides (FOS) with .beta.-(2.fwdarw.1)-linked fructosyl units, plus a high mol.-wt. fructan polymer (>107) with .beta.-(2.fwdarw.1) linkages (an **inulin**). FOS, but not **inulin**, was found in supernatants of *L. reuteri* strain 121 cultures grown on medium contg. sucrose. Bacterial **inulin** prodn. has been reported for only *Streptococcus mutans* strains. FOS prodn. has been reported for a few bacterial strains. This paper reports the first-time isolation and mol. characterization of (i) a *Lactobacillus* ftf gene, (ii) an inulosucrase assocd. with a generally regarded as safe bacterium, (iii) an FTF enzyme synthesizing both a high mol. wt. **inulin** and FOS, and (iv) an FTF protein contg. a cell wall-anchoring LPXTG motif. The biol. relevance and potential health benefits of an inulosucrase assocd. with an *L. reuteri* strain remain to be established.

REFERENCE COUNT: 48 THERE ARE 48 CITED REFERENCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS

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L4 ANSWER 3 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:868644 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 136:17259

TITLE: Purification, characterization and use of inulosucrase

INVENTOR(S): and levansucrase from *Lactobacillus reuteri* Van Geel-Schutten, Gerritdina Hendrika; Rahaoui, Hakim; Dijkhuizen, Lubbert; Van Hijum, Sacha Adrianus Fokke Taco

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Nederlandse Organisatie Voor Toegepast-Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek, Neth.

SOURCE: PCT Int. Appl., 54 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent

LANGUAGE: English

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PRIORITY APPLN. INFO.:			EP 2000-201872 A	20000525
			EP 2001-200049 A	20010109

AB The present invention describes two novel proteins having **fructosyltransferase** activity. One of the enzymes is an inulosucrase which produces an **inulin** and fructo-oligosaccharides, while the other is a **levansucrase** which produces a **levan**. Both enzymes are derived from *Lactobacillus reuteri*, which are food-grade microorganisms with the Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) status. Isolation of DNA from *L. reuteri*, nucleotide sequence anal. of the inulosucrase (ftfA) gene, construction of plasmids for expression of the inulosucrase gene in *E. coli* Top10, expression of the inulosucrase gene in *E. coli* Top10 and identification of the polysaccharides produced by the recombinant enzyme are described. Purifn. and amino acid sequencing of the *L. reuteri* **levansucrase** (gene ftfB) and nucleotide sequence of the gene ftfB are reported. According to the invention *lactobacilli* capable of producing an **inulin** and/or a **levan** and/or

fructo-oligosaccharides using one or both of the  
fructosyltransferases can be used as a probiotic or symbiotic.

L4 ANSWER 4 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 2  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:922622 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 136:196024  
TITLE: Purification of a novel **fructosyltransferase**  
from **Lactobacillus reuteri** strain 121 and  
characterization of the **levan** produced  
AUTHOR(S): van Hijum, Sacha A. F. T.; Bonting, Kees; van der  
Maarel, Marc J. E. C.; Dijkhuizen, Lubbert  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Microbial Physiology Research Group, Groningen  
Biomolecular Sciences and Biotechnology Institute  
(GBB), University of Groningen, Groningen, 9750 AA,  
Neth.  
SOURCE: FEMS Microbiology Letters (2001), 205(2), 323-328  
CODEN: FMLED7; ISSN: 0378-1097  
PUBLISHER: Elsevier Science B.V.  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB **Fructosyltransferase** (FTF) enzymes have been characterized from  
various Gram-pos. bacteria, but not from **Lactobacillus** sp. In a  
screening of 182 **lactobacilli** for polysaccharide prodn. only one  
strain, **Lactobacillus reuteri** strain 121, was found to produce a  
fructan being a **levan**. Here we report the first-time  
identification and biochem. characterization of a **Lactobacillus**  
FTF enzyme. When incubated with sucrose the enzyme produced a  
**levan** that is identical to that produced by **Lb. reuteri** strain 121  
cells.

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L4 ANSWER 5 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 3  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 2000:807451 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 134:130286  
TITLE: Exopolysaccharide production by **Lactobacillus**  
**reuteri**, involving sucrase type of enzymes  
AUTHOR(S): van Geel-Schutten, G. H.; van Hijum, S. A. F. T.;  
Kralj, S.; Rahaoui, H.; Leer, R. J.; Dijkhuizen, L.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: TNO Voeding, Zeist, 3700 AJ, Neth.  
SOURCE: Mededelingen - Faculteit Landbouwkundige en  
Toegepaste  
Biologische Wetenschappen (Universiteit Gent) (2000),  
65(3a), 197-201  
CODEN: MFLBER; ISSN: 1373-7503  
PUBLISHER: Universiteit Gent, Faculteit Landbouwkundige en  
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; General Review  
LANGUAGE: English

AB A review with 5 refs. Exopolysaccharides (EPSs) find numerous  
applications in the food as well as in the nonfood industries. They can  
be used as for instance as viscosifying, thickening, gelling or water  
binding agents. Furthermore certain EPSs are known to exert health  
promoting effects such as cholesterol lowering, immunomodulating,  
antitumoral and prebiotic activities. Using a new method, a large  
collection of **Lactobacillus** strains was screened on the prodn.  
of EPS. One of the pos. strains, strain 121, produced two different sol.  
homopolysaccharides during growth on sucrose, a fructan and a glucan.  
This strain was identified as **Lactobacillus reuteri**, a probiotic  
strain and an excellent colonizer of the gastrointestinal tract of a  
broad  
variety of hosts, including humans. **L. reuteri** 121 was selected for  
further research. Structure anal. of the polysaccharides produced by **L.**  
**reuteri** 121 revealed that the fructan was a linear **levan** with

.beta.(2-6)-linked fructosyl units. This was the first example of fructan synthesis by *Lactobacilli*. The glucan possessed a unique highly branched structure with .alpha.(1-4) and .alpha.(1-6) linkages with .alpha.(1-4,6) branching points. Both polymers were synthesized by sucrose-type of enzymes (glucosyl- and fructosyltransferases). These enzymes only need sucrose as substrate; the energy released by the cleavage of the glycosidic bond in sucrose is subsequently used for the polysaccharide synthesis reaction. During growth of *L. reuteri* on sucrose or maltose, the sucrases responsible for the synthesis of the glucan and the levan appeared to be completely bound to the cell wall, whereas during growth on sucrose part of the enzymes was released into the culture medium. EPS prodn. was not a stable characteristic in continuous cultures. Different spontaneous mutants appeared, such as the EPS-neg. mutant strain K24 which lacks both the glucansucrase (a glucosyltransferase) and the levansucrase (a fructosyltransferase). Mutant 35-5, lacking levansucrase, appeared after a pH shift-down. Using PCR techniques with degenerated primers based on known glucansucrase or fructosyltransferase amino acid sequences, chromosomal fragments contg. glucansucrase (gtfA) or fructosyltransferase (ftfA) were amplified. Both fragments were sequenced and characterized at the amino acid level and phylogenetic trees of both types of sucrases were constructed. Both the gtfA and the ftfA were cloned sep. in *Escherichia coli*. Cell free exts. of the *E. coli* strain harboring the ftfA gene produced an inulosucrase, which synthesized inulin and fructose-oligosaccharides from sucrose. The recombinant glucansucrase and the *L. reuteri* glucansucrase synthesized the same unique glucan. These were the first examples of the isolation, characterization, and cloning of *Lactobacillus* glucansucrase and fructosyltransferase genes.

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L4 ANSWER 6 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS DUPLICATE 4  
 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:433566 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 131:196768  
 TITLE: Biochemical and structural characterization of the glucan and fructan exopolysaccharides synthesized by the *Lactobacillus reuteri* wild-type strain and by mutant strains  
 AUTHOR(S): Van Geel-Schutten, G. H.; Faber, E. J.; Smit, E.; Bonting, K.; Smith, M. R.; ten Brink, B.; Kamerling, J. P.; Vliegthart, J. F. G.; Dijkhuizen, L.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Department of Microbiology, TNO Nutrition and Food Research, Zeist, 3700 AJ, Neth.  
 SOURCE: Applied and Environmental Microbiology-(1999), 65(7), 3008-3014  
 CODEN: AEMIDF; ISSN: 0099-2240  
 PUBLISHER: American Society for Microbiology  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English  
 AB *Lactobacillus reuteri* LB 121 cells growing on sucrose synthesize large amts. of a glucan (D-glucose) and a fructan (D-fructose) with mol. masses of 3500 and 150 kDa, resp. Methylation studies and <sup>13</sup>C or <sup>1</sup>H NMR anal. showed that the glucan has a unique structure consisting of terminal, 4-substituted, 6-substituted, and 4,6-disubstituted .alpha.-glucose in a molar ratio of 1.1:2.7:1.5:1.0. The fructan was identified as a (2.fwdarw.6)-.beta.-D-fructofuranan or levan, the first example of levan synthesis by a *Lactobacillus*

L5 ANSWER 8 OF 8 EMBASE COPYRIGHT 2002 ELSEVIER SCI. B.V.  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999274169 EMBASE  
TITLE: Purification and immobilization of fructosyl transferase  
for **production of fructo-**  
**oligosaccharide(s)** from sucrose.  
AUTHOR: Patil V.B.; Patil N.B.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: N.B. Patil, Department of Biochemistry, Shivaji  
University,  
Kolhapur 416 004, India  
SOURCE: Indian Journal of Experimental Biology, (1999) 37/8  
(830-834).  
Refs: 16  
ISSN: 0019-5189 CODEN: IJEBA6  
COUNTRY: India  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
FILE SEGMENT: 004 Microbiology  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB A protocol for commercial **production** of a non digestible  
sweetner, **fructo-oligosaccharide(s)** from sucrose has  
been developed. The extracellular enzyme fructosyl transferase was  
isolated aged purified from Aureobasidium pullulans. The enzyme was  
covalently immobilized on CNBr activated agarose for its economical  
viability and for continuous use.

species. Strain LB 121 possesses glucansucrase and levansucrase enzymes that occur in a cell-associated and a cell-free state after growth on sucrose, raffinose, or maltose but remain cell associated during growth on glucose. Sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of sucrose culture supernatants, followed by staining of gels for polysaccharide synthesizing activity with sucrose as a substrate, revealed the presence of a single glucansucrase protein of 146 kDa. Growth of strain LB 121 in chemostat cultures resulted in rapid accumulation of spontaneous exopolysaccharide-negative mutants that had lost both glucansucrase and levansucrase (e.g., strain K-24). Mutants lacking all levansucrase activity specifically emerged following a pH shift down (e.g., strain 35-5). Strain 35-5 still possessed glucansucrase and synthesized wild-type glucan.

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L4 ANSWER 7 OF 8 BIOTECHNO COPYRIGHT 2002 Elsevier Science B.V.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1999:29065473 BIOTECHNO

TITLE: ~~In vitro digestibility and fermentability of~~  
~~levan and its hypocholesterolemic effects in~~  
~~rats~~

AUTHOR: Yamamoto Y.; Takahashi Y.; Kawano M.; Iizuka M.;  
Matsumoto T.; Saeki S.; Yamaguchi H.

CORPORATE SOURCE: Dr. H. Yamaguchi, Division Environmental Food Sci.,  
Department Food and Nutrition, Osaka City University,  
Sugimoto 3-3-138, Sumiyoshi, Osaka 558-8585, Japan.

SOURCE: Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry, (1999), 10/1  
(13-18), 35 reference(s)

CODEN: JNBIEL ISSN: 0955-2863

PUBLISHER ITEM IDENT.: S0955286398000771

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article

COUNTRY: United States

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB This study describes the in vitro digestibility and fermentability of high molecular weight (ca. 2,000,000) levan and its effect on the metabolism of lipids in growing rats fed cholesterol-free diets.

Levan was synthesized from sucrose using bacterial

levansucrase immobilized on a honeycomb-shaped ceramic support.

Although body weight gain, weight of visceral organs, morphologic changes

in the digestive tract, and the serum triacylglycerol and glucose concentrations were not affected by feeding levan diets for 4 weeks, a significant hypocholesterolemic effect was observed. Serum cholesterol level was decreased to 83% or 59% by feeding a 1% or 5% levan diet, respectively. The hypocholesterolemic effect was accompanied by a significant increase in fecal excretion of sterols and lipids. High molecular weight levan, though not hydrolyzed by the salivary amylases, was hydrolyzed by artificial gastric juice and

was

changed to a low molecular weight (ca. 4,000) levan with a small amount of fructose, but did not produce any fructooligosaccharides.

Low molecular weight (ca. 6,000) levan was not hydrolyzed by either pancreatic juice or small intestinal enzymes. This suggests that, in vivo, low molecular weight levan derived from the high molecular weight material is not further digested and reaches the colon intact. The fermentation of low molecular weight levan (ca. 6,000) by several strains of bifidobacteria was not observed. These results showed that the hypocholesterolemic effect of levan may result from the prevention of intestinal sterol absorption, and not from the action of the fermentation products of levan. Copyright (C)



L4 ANSWER 8 OF 8 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1975:591718 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 83:191718

TITLE: Variations in microbial and biochemical components of four-day plaque during a four-week controlled diet period

AUTHOR(S): Dennis, D. Adele; Gawronski, Thomas H.; Sudo, Sara Z.;

CORPORATE SOURCE: Harris, Robert S.; Folke, Lars E. A.  
Sch. Dent., Univ. Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., USA

SOURCE: J. Dent. Res. (1975), 54(4), 716-22

CODEN: JDREAF

DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal

LANGUAGE: English

AB Variation in microbial and biochem. components of human 4-day plaque was studied in subjects maintained on a high-sucrose [57-50-1] diet during 4 weeks. Significant changes in populations of **lactobacilli** dextranase-producing organisms, *Streptococcus mutans*, and *S. sanguis* occurred during this period. Except for specific amylase activity, all other biochem. parameters (total carbohydrate and buffer-sol. carbohydrate contents, specific activities of glucosyltransferase, **fructosyltransferase**, dextran hydrolase, **levan** hydrolase, and invertase) either remained const. or exhibited insignificant variation during the 4-week diet period. Specific amylase activity was attributed to salivary contamination.

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L6 ANSWER 61 OF 71 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1990:496167 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 113:96167  
TITLE: Production of substantially pure fructose  
INVENTOR(S): Hatcher, Herbert J.; Gallian, John J.; Leeper,  
Stephen  
PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): A.  
SOURCE: Idaho Research Foundation, Inc., USA  
U.S., 6 pp.  
CODEN: USXXAM  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Patent  
LANGUAGE: English  
FAMILY ACC. NUM. COUNT: 1  
PATENT INFORMATION:

PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
US 4927757	A	19900522	US 1988-225914	19880729

AB Substantially pure fructose is prepd. from a sucrose-contg. substrate. First, sucrose is converted to levan and glucose with a fructosyl transferase (I) and the levan hydrolyzed to fructose with levanase. This method may also be used to prep. a high-fructose syrup contg. .apprx.60% fructose. Sucrose-contg. substrate prepd. from crushed sugar beet was incubated with I-producing Microbacterium laevaniformans at 26.degree.-28.degree. and ultrafiltered to obtain levan. Levan was the hydrolized to fructose using a hollow fiber membrane filtercontg. immobilized levanase. The hydrolyzate was then concd. by reverse osmosis or hyperfiltration to obtain a high-fructose syrup contg. 60% fructose.

L6 ANSWER 62 OF 71 BIOTECHNO COPYRIGHT 2002 Elsevier Science B.V.  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1990:21036993 BIOTECHNO  
TITLE: Bacillus subtilis **levansucrase**: Amino acid substitutions at one site affect secretion efficiency and refolding kinetics mediated by metals  
AUTHOR: Petit-Glatron M.F.; Monteil I.; Benyahia F.; Chambert R.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Lab. Genetique/Membranes, Institut Jacques Monod, CNRS  
SOURCE: Universite Paris VII, 2 Place Jussieu, 75251 Paris, France.  
Molecular Microbiology, (1990), 4/12 (2063-2070)  
CODEN: MOMIEE ISSN: 0950-382X  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
COUNTRY: United Kingdom  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English  
AB Studies of the equilibrium between native and denatured forms of wild-type **levansucrase** showed that the denatured form was predominant at 37.degree.C and pH 7 in the absence of free metal. The shift to the native form was promoted by metal ions such as Fe.sup.3.sup.+ or Ca.sup.2.sup.+. This metal-dependent refolding process was not observed in **levansucrase** variants bearing the amino acid substitution Gly-366.fwdarw.Asp or Gly-366.fwdarw.Val. These variants were only slightly secreted by Bacillus subtilis although their signal sequences were normally cleaved and their exocellular forms stable. In contrast, the Gly-366.fwdarw.Ser

variant was secreted at near-normal levels and shared a part of the in vitro refolding properties of the wild-type protein. These differential properties might be related to the ability of the altered region to form a  $\beta$ -form structure. We discuss the possible role of metal ions in the coupling of protein folding and secretion.

L6 ANSWER 63 OF 71 BIOTECHNO COPYRIGHT 2002 Elsevier Science B.V.  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1990:20041980 BIOTECHNO  
TITLE: Secretion of *Bacillus subtilis* levansucrase.  
Fe(III) could act as a cofactor in an efficient coupling of the folding and translocation processes  
AUTHOR: Chambert R.; Benyahia F.; Petit-Glatron M.-F.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Institut Jacques Monod, Laboratoire Genetique et Membranes, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Universite Paris 7, 2 place Jussieu, 72521 Paris Cedex 05, France.  
SOURCE: Biochemical Journal, (1990), 265/2 (375-382)  
CODEN: BIJOAK ISSN: 0264-6021  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal; Article  
COUNTRY: United Kingdom  
LANGUAGE: English  
SUMMARY LANGUAGE: English

AB The refolding of *levansucrase* denatured by urea was studied as a possible model for the second step of the secretion pathway of this protein. The folding-unfolding transition was monitored by measuring intrinsic fluorescence and resistance to proteolysis. Both methods provided the same estimation for the unfolding free energy of *levansucrase*,  $\Delta G(D)$ , which was  $30.1 \pm 1.7$  kJ  $\cdot$  mol $^{-1}$  (7.2  $\pm$  0.4 kcal  $\cdot$  mol $^{-1}$ ) at pH 7 in 0.1 M-potassium phosphate buffer. The rate of refolding was greatly enhanced by Fe $^{3+}$ , whereas the Fe $^{3+}$  chelator EDTA prevented correct refolding. Fe $^{3+}$  allowed the protein to reach its folded form in medium in which the dielectric constant had been lowered by ethanol. The efficiency in vivo of the export of *levansucrase* bearing an amino acid modification which blocks the second step of the translocation pathway was greatly increased by high concentrations of Fe $^{3+}$  in the culture medium. Assuming that the protein folding governs the second step of the secretion process of *levansucrase*, we discuss from an irreversible thermodynamic point of view the possible role of Fe $^{3+}$  in the efficient coupling of the two events.

L6 ANSWER 64 OF 71 CAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2002 ACS  
ACCESSION NUMBER: 1990:457392 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 113:57392  
TITLE: Levan production with a flocculent strain of *Zymomonas mobilis*  
AUTHOR(S): Reiss, M.; Hartmeier, W.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Inst. Food Technol., Hohenheim Univ., Stuttgart, D-7000/70, Fed. Rep. Ger.  
SOURCE: Food Biotechnol. (N. Y.) (1990); 4(1), 69-75  
CODEN: FBIOEE; ISSN: 0890-5436  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English  
AB Levan is a fructose polymer with potential importance as fructose source of thickening agent in food technol. in case that it could be produced in a simple and cheap process. Levan concns. of up to 42.5 g/L and a yield from fructose of 0.32 g/g were obtained with a new flocculent mutant of *Z. mobilis*. A sucrose concn. of 250 g/L, pH-values around 5.0 and temps. of 27 to 30.degree. were optimal.

Higher pH-values and high starting concns. of **levan** caused hydrolysis of the polymer by the bacterium itself. However, adding **levan** up to 1.5 g/L led to nearly 40% increase of the **levan** synthesis. Sorbitol also increased **levan** formation due to a decrease of sucrose and **levan** hydrolysis. Presumably by induction of the **levansucrase**, fructose addn. caused a higher **levan** yield too. In continuous operation, a **levan** productivity of 16 g/L-h and an ethanol productivity of 26.3 g/L-h resulted. That was 5 to 12 times, resp. the productivity of batch processes.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1989:191177 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 110:191177  
 TITLE: Batch and continuous production of **levan** with flocculent cells of *Zymomonas mobilis*  
 AUTHOR(S): Reiss, M.; Hartmeier, W.  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Inst. Lebensmitteltechnol., Univ. Hohenheim, Stuttgart, D-7000/70, Fed. Rep. Ger.  
 SOURCE: Chem., Mikrobiol., Technol. Lebensm. (1989), 12(1), 1-7  
 CODEN: CMTLBX; ISSN: 0366-7154  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: German

AB With a flocculent mutant of *Z. mobilis* **levan** (I) concns. .ltoreq.42.5 g/L and a yield of 0.32 g/g fructose were achieved. Media with a sucrose concn. of 250 g/L, pH 5.0, and temp. of 27-30.degree. were optimal. At higher pH and high starting concns. of I, much of the product was hydrolyzed by the bacterium itself. In contrast, addns. of .ltoreq.1.5 g I/L led to nearly 40% increase of I prodn. Due to a decrease of sucrose and hydrolysis, prodn. was also increased by sorbitol. Presumably by induction of the **levansucrase**, fructose addn. also resulted in higher yields. In continuous operation, I productivity of 16 g/L-h and EtOH productivity of 26.3 g/L-h resulted, 5 and 12-fold, resp., the productivity of batch processes.

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 ACCESSION NUMBER: 1980:71419 CAPLUS  
 DOCUMENT NUMBER: 92:71419  
 TITLE: The molecular structure of low and high molecular weight **levans** synthesized by **levansucrase**  
 AUTHOR(S): Tanaka, Toshio; Oi, Susumu; Yamamoto, Takehiko  
 CORPORATE SOURCE: Fac. Sci., Osaka City Univ., Osaka, 558, Japan  
 SOURCE: J. Biochem. (Tokyo) (1980), 87(1), 297-303  
 CODEN: JOBIAO; ISSN: 0021-924X  
 DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
 LANGUAGE: English

AB **Levan** synthesized by *Bacillus subtilis* **levansucrase** in the presence of alcs. was only of high mol. wt., whereas in solns. of high ionic strength only low-mol.-wt. **levan** was produced. The addn. of low-mol.-wt. **levan** to the enzyme reaction mixt. at low ionic strength stimulated synthesis of a high-mol.-wt. **levan**, but the **levan** added was not incorporated into this high-mol.-wt. **levan**. Methylation anal. revealed that low-mol.-wt. **levans** contained glucose, which was isolated as 2,3,4,6-tetra-O-methylalditol acetate, showing that the glucose units exist as terminal residues. The mol. wt. of **levan** estd. on the basis of glucose content coincided with that detd. by the gel filtration method. Methylation anal. also revealed that the no. of fructose residues of the linear fraction linked by .fwdarw.6(Fru)2.fwdarw. bonds was 22 for **levan** with a mol. wt. of (8.4-22) .times. 103, whereas it was 11 for that of 2000 .times. 103-mol.-wt. **levan**.

The no. of .fwdarw.6(.fwdarw.1)(Fru)2.fwdarw. branched residues increased with the increase the mol. wt. of the **levan** syn sized.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1978:147965 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 88:147965  
TITLE: Levansucrase of *Bacillus subtilis*  
AUTHOR(S): Tanaka, Toshio; Oi, Susumu; Iizuka, Masaru; Yamamoto, Takehiko  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Fac. Sci., Osaka City Univ., Osaka, Japan  
SOURCE: Agric. Biol. Chem. (1978), 42(2), 323-6  
CODEN: ABCHA6; ISSN: 0002-1369  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB **Levansucrase** of *B. subtilis* saccharolyticus was purified from the supernatant of an aerobically incubated suspension of the cells in a dil. sucrose soln. by chromatog. on DEAE-cellulose. **Levan** synthesis by the purified enzyme was optimum at low temps., .apprx.0.degree.. The **levan** synthesized was isolated by passing the enzyme reaction mixt. through a DEAE-cellulose column followed by

EtOH

pptn. **Levan** was isolated in the pure state ([.alpha.]D<sub>20</sub>, -47). Its mol. wt. was 2 .times. 104 by the gel filtration method.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1972:11764 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 76:11764  
TITLE: Biosynthesis of **levan** and a new method for the assay of **levansucrase** activity  
AUTHOR(S): Ceska, M.  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Dep. Biochem., Pharm. AB, Uppsala, Swed.  
SOURCE: Biochem. J. (1971), 125(1), 209-11  
CODEN: BIJOAK  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: English

AB The polysaccharide, **levan**, was synthesized in a solidified agar medium contg. sucrose as a source of fructose. The biosynthesis was achieved by the enzyme, **levansucrase** (EC 2.4.1.10), a small quantity of which was placed in circular wells cut in the agar gel. The enzyme slowly diffused through the agar-sucrose medium and the synthesis of **levan** was obsd. as circular white areas, the size of which was dependent on the time of incubation and the concn. of enzyme used.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1964:32900 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 60:32900  
ORIGINAL REFERENCE NO.: 60:5904g-h  
TITLE: Identity of the sucrase of *Bacillus subtilis* Marburg with the levansucrase of *B. subtilis* var *nigra*  
AUTHOR(S): Jozon-Toulouse, Edith; Dedonder, Raymond  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Inst. Pasteur, Paris  
SOURCE: Compt. Rend. (1963), 257(5), 1184-7  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: Unavailable

AB cf. CA 57, 3908d. A strain of *B. subtilis* var. *nigra* produces a sucrose .fwdarw. **levan**-beta.-fructofuranosyl transferase and **levan** accumulates in the medium on incubation of *B. subtilis* var. *nigra* with sucrose. Strains of *B. subtilis* Marburg split sucrose without apparent formation of **levan**. The sucrase produced by *B. subtilis* was prepd. by sonic disruption of the cells in 0.01M phosphate buffer, removal of the cell debris by centrifugation and pptn. with 70-100% satd. (NH<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>. The nucleic acids were removed with 0.25M MgCl<sub>2</sub> and the enzyme purified by chromatography on a column of hydroxylapatite and eluted with a gradient of 0.1-2.0M phosphate buffer (pH 6.0). The fraction eluted between 0.5 and 0.8M was identical with the enzyme prepd.

from *B. subtilis* var. *nigra*; it produced **levan** as the *nigra* var. Its affinity constant is 5.4 times  $10^{-2}$ M for sucrose while 5.0  $\times 10^{-2}$ M was found for purified **levansucrase** from *B. subtilis* var *nigra*. Both enzymes need the addn. of starter **levans** of low mol. wt. Immunological identity of both enzymes was proven with the Ouchterlony method and other procedures. The amt. of enzyme produced by *B. subtilis* is only 7% of that produced by the *nigra* var.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1956:28559 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 50:28559  
ORIGINAL REFERENCE NO.: 50:5812a-d  
TITLE: Synthesis of sucrose and other .beta.-D-fructofuranosyl aldoses by levansucrase  
AUTHOR(S): Hestrin, Shlomo; Feingold, David S.; Avigad, Gad  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Hadassah Med. School, Jerusalem  
SOURCE: J. Am. Chem. Soc. (1955), 77, 6710  
CODEN: JACSAT; ISSN: 0002-7863  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: Unavailable

AB cf. C.A. 38, 5524.4. In the **levansucrase** system a process is catalyzed in which the aglycone of .beta.-D-fructofuranosyl aldoses is transferred reversibly to the anomeric C position of an aldose. A cell-free soln. of **levansucrase** of *Aerobacter levanicum* allowed to act on raffinose formed **levan**, fructose, and melibiose, but neither glucose nor galactose. In the presence of added D-glucose, raffinose with **levansucrase** formed little **levan** but there was a rapid formation of sucrose. Neither dextranase by itself nor a mixt. of dextranase and **levansucrase** formed dextran from raffinose alone, but on the addn. of glucose, dextran was formed rapidly. When **levansucrase** acted on sucrose plus melibiose, raffinose was formed. **Levansucrase** formed .alpha.-D-xylopyranosyl-.beta.-D-fructofuranoside, [.alpha.]D20 62.degree.. The following aldoses were converted to the corresponding aldosyl-.beta.-D-fructofuranosides in the presence of **levansucrase**: D-xylose, L-arabinose, D-glucose, D-galactose, and melibiose.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1955:61130 CAPLUS  
DOCUMENT NUMBER: 49:61130  
ORIGINAL REFERENCE NO.: 49:11772c-f  
TITLE: Mechanism of degradation and synthesis and some biological activities of intercellular bacterial polysaccharides  
AUTHOR(S): Hestrin, Shlomo  
CORPORATE SOURCE: Hebrew Univ.-Hadassah Med. School, Jerusalem  
SOURCE: 6th Intern. Congr. Microbiol., Symposium-Microbial Metabolism, Suppl. Rend. ist. super. Sanita (1953) 63-70  
DOCUMENT TYPE: Journal  
LANGUAGE: Unavailable

AB *Aerobacter levanicum*, a **levan** former, does not degrade **levan**; *Azotobacter chroococcum* and *Bacillus asterosporus*, **levan** formers, do. The **levan**-degrading enzyme formation is an adaptive process induced by growth on **levan** and sucrose. The metabolism of sucrose via **levan** by **levan** formers involves a reaction sequence in which 2 irreversible hydrolytic steps succeed the irreversible initial polymerative cleavage of the disaccharide: (1) sucrose  $\xrightarrow{\text{levansucrase}}$  **levan** + glucose; (2) native **levan** + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\xrightarrow{\text{levanpolyase}}$  limit oligolevans; (3) limit oligolevans + H<sub>2</sub>O  $\xrightarrow{\text{levanligase or sucrose fructose}}$  fructose. Macromol. **levan** and dextran administered intravenously or intraperitoneally promote infection. **Levan** and dextran degraded to the mol.-wt. level of plasma expanders do not. The theoretical mechanism of synthesis is that sucrose and related oligosaccharides are specifically fitted by the preformed interglucosidic

linkage to serve in metabolism as substrates of polysaccharide synthesis.  
Nonviable, active dried *Acetobacter xylinum* cells with O as the  
electron acceptor, polymerized glucose to cellulose, but when ferricyanide and  
dichloroindophenol replaced O, cellulose was not synthesized. Dried  
cells exposed to acetone-ether lost their activity.

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ACCESSION NUMBER: 1964:32900 CAPLUS

DOCUMENT NUMBER: 60:32900

ORIGINAL REFERENCE NO.: 60:5904g-h

TITLE: Identity of the sucrose of *Bacillus subtilis* Marburg with the levansucrase of *B. subtilis* var *nigra*

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